UNIVERSITY OF AUSTIN
Undergraduate Admissions Policy (Fall 2027 Entry)

Section 1.0 Authority

This Undergraduate Admissions Policy (the "Policy") of the University of Austin (the "University") is adopted in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution of the University of Austin.

Section 1.1 Foundational Principles

Merit is the foundation of the University of Austin's admissions process. This principle reflects our commitment to intellectual rigor and measurable achievement. In accordance with the University Constitution:

> "Admission and graduation decisions shall be made strictly without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or religious faith."

This Policy is structured to identify and admit students with the demonstrated potential to thrive in a demanding academic environment.

Section 1.2 Statement of Non-Discrimination

The University of Austin admits applicants of all races, colors, and national or ethnic origins to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students. The University does not discriminate in administration of educational policies, admissions, scholarships, or programs.

Section 2.0 Application Pathways

Section 2.1 Early Action Merit-First Admission

Period: July 15, 2026 – November 15, 2026.

Early Action is the exclusive pathway for institutional merit-based funding. To qualify, students must submit their application by November 15 and provide an enrollment deposit by January 1. High-scoring applicants (SAT: 1500+, ACT: 34+, or CLT: 109+) who meet these deadlines are eligible for a $40,000 Merit Award ($10,000 annually over four years).

Section 2.2 Regular Admission

Period: July 15, 2026 – July 30, 2027 (space-available basis)

Section 2.3 Mid-year or Off-Cycle Entrance

Students may apply for mid-year or off-cycle entrance to UATX, but are considered only in extraordinary cases. A regular application is required, and an interview and other materials may be considered to determine suitability. The final decision to admit a mid-year start lies with the President.

Policy Note: All decisions are based on merit, integrity, and academic readiness. Essays and extracurriculars are not considered.

Section 3.0 Eligibility Criteria (All Tracks)

Applicants must:

- Be U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Hold or be on track to earn a high school diploma or GED by the date of matriculation
- Submit a standardized test score to complete the application (see Section 7.0)
- Be 16 to 24 years old by the start of the academic year
- Have not earned a four-year undergraduate degree

If an applicant does not meet these eligibility requirements in any way, they may still apply and can petition to be considered by sending a note and any supporting documentation to admissions@uaustin.org.

Section 4.0 Track Details

Section 4.1 Automatic Admission

Eligibility:

- Standardized test scores:
  - SAT: 1460+
  - ACT: 33+
  - CLT: 105+

Required Materials:

- Completed UATX Application
- Official high school transcript
- Verified test score (SAT/ACT/CLT)
- One letter of recommendation (integrity-focused)

Timeline:

- Decisions issued within 5 business days of verified score receipt

- Enrollment deposit due by August 1, 2027

Section 4.2 Regular Admission

Eligibility: Same as general eligibility criteria (Section 3.0)

Academic Profile:

- SAT: 1450 or below
- ACT: 32 or below
- CLT: 104 or below

Evaluation Criteria:

- Standardized test scores (required)
- Optional: AP (4/5) or IB (5–7) scores

Required Materials:

- Completed UATX Application
- Official high school transcript
- Verified test score
- One letter of recommendation (integrity-focused)

Timeline:

- Decisions issued within 5 business days of verified score receipt
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Section 5.0 Financial Aid Policy

Section 5.1 Need-Based Aid Expansion

The University offers need-based aid to families with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) below $150,000. Award amounts decrease as AGI approaches this limit. Adjustments to AGI are made for the number of dependents and whether the family resides in a high cost of living city or region.

Section 5.2 Merit Aid Standard

Continuing students must maintain a CSA of 83 or higher at the end of each main term (Fall, Winter, Spring) to retain merit-based aid. Need-based aid does not have a CSA requirement, though students must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing. All financial aid is administered in accordance with Institutional Rule 8.

Section 5.3 Financial Aid Limit

The combined total of need-based and merit-based aid cannot exceed the total annual cost of attendance ($25,323).

Section 5.4 Appeals Review Committee

Appeals for financial hardship must be submitted within 7 business days of the initial financial aid decision. A joint committee, consisting of the CFO and Director of Admissions, adjudicates appeals within 5 business days.

Section 6.0 Scholarships

Section 6.1 Merit and Build Awards

As noted in Section 2.1, top scorers (1500+/34+/109+) who apply by November 15 and deposit by January 1 earn a $40,000 Merit Award. A limited number of students are also eligible for the Lonsdale Magaro Build Scholarship ($100,000 over four years). Students may receive one award, not both. Maintenance of these awards is subject to the standards in Section 5.2.

Section 7.0 Test Scores & Score Submission

- Applications may be submitted without verified test scores, but they will not be considered complete until a verified test score is received.
- Applicants may submit updated test scores from subsequent test dates (however, to earn the $40,000 merit award, UATX must receive a 1500+ SAT / 34+ ACT / 109+ CLT score by January 1, 2027).
- Applications may be reopened or reconsidered if test scores improve.
- Denied or waitlisted applicants may also be reconsidered if they submit updated test scores.
- All admissions decisions are final as of August 1, 2027. No test scores will be reconsidered after August 1, 2027.
- Superscoring: UATX uses superscores to evaluate test performance.
- Essay/Writing Sections: Not considered in evaluation.

Section 8.0 Integrity Verification

- Required for all applicants
- Includes disclosure of disciplinary/criminal/ethical history
- Requires one letter of recommendation focused on honesty, maturity, and responsibility
- An interview may be requested at the discretion of the Director of Admissions
- Misrepresentation may result in denial, revocation of admission, or dismissal

Section 9.0 Additional Policies

- **Enrollment Status:**
  - Full-time: 12+ credit hours/term
  - Part-time: <12 credit hours/term
- **Deferral Policy:** One-year deferral allowed with enrollment deposit; longer delays require reapplication
- **International Applicants:** Not currently admitted
- **Transfer Credit:** Not accepted; all applicants must apply as first-year students
- **Readmission:** Requires new application after more than one year of absence
- **Appeals:** Only considered in cases of documented factual error

Section 10.0 Contact and Support

Questions? Contact the Office of Admissions: admissions@uaustin.org

Why Apply Now?

- **Takes under 5 minutes**
- **No fees or essays**
- **Early Action: apply by November 15 and deposit by January 1 to qualify for the $40,000 Merit Award.**

Apply at application.uaustin.org today.